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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

Replacement of the North Utica Community Fire Protection District Ambulance Building North Utica, LaSalle County, Illinois FEMA-1513-DR-IL

The North Utica Community Fire Protection District (UCFPD) has applied for funding from the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (PL 93-288) for assistance with the replacement of their ambulance building. The Presidential declaration for the F3 category tornado of 20 April 2004 was officially designated FEMA-1513-DR-IL. The ambulance building is needed to provide facilities that meet the critical emergency, medical, and safety response needs for the protection of human life for the residents within the UCFPD.

In accordance with 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) for FEMA, Subpart B – Agency Implementing Procedures, Part 10.9, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the regulations promulgated by the President's Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1500-1508). The purpose of the EA was to identify the potential environmental impacts resulting from the construction of a new ambulance building on property zoned commercial which had previously been used for agricultural purposes and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

CONCLUSIONS

Based upon the conditions and information contained in the EA for the replacement of North Utica's ambulance building and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), 12898 (Environmental Justice), and 13045 (Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks) the following is concluded:

The proposed project, as described in the EA, will not result in any significant adverse impacts to existing land use, water resources (surface water, groundwater, wetlands, waters of the United States, and floodplains), air quality, noise, biological resources (vegetation, fish and wildlife, state and federally listed threatened or endangered species, and critical habitats), safety issues, hazardous materials and special waste, and cultural resources, or result in disproportionately high or adverse effects on minority or low income populations. Therefore and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be prepared (44 CFR Part 10.8).

This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is based upon the Relocate and Provide Improved Satellite Facility (Preferred) alternative and the conditions specified in the Environmental Assessment. Failure to comply with these conditions may jeopardize federal funds.

<u>APPROVAL</u>		
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